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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN YOUTH EXCHANGES: NATIONAL STUDENT
ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

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1. WE INFORMED NSA OF CONTENTS REFTEL, INCLUDING INDICATION FROM ROMANIANS THAT NSA PREPARED COVER LIVING EXPENSES AT CONVENTION. NSA REPRESENTATIVE SAYS IT IS UNABLE TO PAY LOCAL COSTS AND THAT NSA LETTER TO ROMANIANS SPECIFICALLY STATED SO.

2. UNFORTUNATELY
DEPARTMENT ALSO UNABLE TO PROVIDE PER DIEM. AS EMBASSY AWARE FROM STATE 135113, WE ENVISIONED SITUATION WHERE ROMANIANS WOULD COME FOR FOUR WEEKS, SPEND FEW DAYS AT CONFERENCE AND PARTICIPATE AS PART OF STANDARD IV PROGRAM FOR REMAINDER OF TIME IN COMPANY OF ESCORT/INTERPRETER. HOWEVER, AS OUTLINED REFTEL, MOHORA AND BIRLIBA WOULD BE IN
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U.S. ONLY 10 DAYS AND WOULD SPEND ENTIRE TIME AT CONFERENCE

PLUS POSSIBLY TWO DAYS IN NEW YORK AT THE END. THIS WOULD MEAN IF ROMANIANS WERE AWARDED PARTIAL IV GRANTS, DEPT. WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR VISIT BUT HAVE NO CONTROL OVER PROGRAM CONTENT OR ROMANIAN ACTIVITIES IN U.S.

3. NSA ADVISES THEY EXPECT 400 DELEGATES AND THREE OR FOUR FOREIGN DELEGATIONS: ROMANIAN, SOVIET, CHILEAN EXILE STUDENT UNION, AND MAYBE AUSTRALIA.

4. GIVEN FOREGOING CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDING OTHER FOREIGN DELEGATIONS ATTENDING, TIMING OF CONFERENCE, AND UNCERTAIN-

TIES OVER HOW DEBATE ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES MAY EVOLVE, DEPARTMENT WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVIDE GRANT ASSISTANCE. PLEASE INFORM ROMANIANS THAT WE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE WILLING TO CONSIDER IVP GRANTS FOR MOHORA AND BIRLIBA AT ANOTHER TIME. WE ARE INFORMING NSA AND ROMANIAN EMBASSY OF OUR DECISION.

5. FYI CU/EE RECEIVED INFORMAL REQUEST FROM USSR COMMITTEE ON YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR TO FUND A SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE NSA CONVENTION, BUT WE TOLD SOVIETS WE WERE UNABLE TO DO SO. HABIB

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